

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 7, with the following paragraph:

Step 230 sets M' equal to M. Next, step 235 generates a random number "F" between one and N. Thereafter, process 200 deletes file F (if it exists) and decrements M (if file F existed) at step 240. The deletion sequence is different from both the recording sequence and a reverse of the recording sequence. Process next, step 245, tests whether M'/2 files have been deleted. If not, process 200 returns to step 235 and if it has, process 200 concludes the file delete cycle and advances to step 250.